

1 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Chairman, I question the
2 basic assumption of the Committee that consistency and
3 uniformity is a virtue in this respect. I believe that
4 for such things as the expulsion of a Member, the impeachment
5 of the Governor, or the adoption of a constitutional
6 amendment, we should have a two-thirds majority of the
7 elected House or at least should be a very large number
8 authorized to override a veto. I believe, in order to
9 respect the power and integrity of the General Assembly
10 we should have a lower number.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Bothe?

12 MRS. BOTHE: Mine was merely a query, Dr. Bard.
13 Does the present provision require that it be two-thirds
14 or three-fifths of those eligible to vote or of the number
15 in the House, because since the United States Constitution
16 apparently hasn't been correctly interpreted by the Com-
17 mittee, I was wondering whether the Maryland Constitution
18 hadn't also been misunderstood.

19 I would be willing to vote for uniformity but
20 not uniformity requiring that either the three-fifths or
21 the two-thirds be of all those eligible to vote, because